

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 BANGKO 05225 291555Z

71

ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20

USIA-15 MC-02 ACDA-19 AEC-11 IO-14 DRC-01 /136 W

----- 011237

R 291250Z MAR 74

FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1987

INFO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

CINCPAC

S E C R E T BANGKOK 5225

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, MCAP

SUBJECT: US STRATEGY AND FORCES IN ASIA

REF: STATE 048938

1. AMBASSADOR BRIEFED PRIME MINISTER SANYA MARCH 29 ON US STRATEGY AND FORCES IN ASIA AND LEFT WITH HIM AIDE MEMOIRE BASED ON REFTEL. PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS INFORMATION.

2. CONTENTS REFTEL ALSO REVIEWED WITH GENERAL KRIANGSAK MARCH 27, WHICH WAS FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION WITH RTG SUPREME COMMAND. KRIANGSAK RUMINATED OVER SIZE AND DISPOSITION OF US FORCES AND SAID HE APPRECIATED THIS CONFIRMATION OF CONTINUED US INTEREST IN ASIA, RECALLING THAT SOME THAI MISINTERPRETED NIXON DOCTRINE AS INDICATING US DISENGAGEMENT. HE ALSO OPINED THAT MANY OTHER GOVERNMENTS IN THE AREA LESS INTIMATELY AWARE OF US MILITARY DISPOSITIONS, SUCH AS SINGAPORE, WOULD BE VERY GRATIFIED TO RECEIVE THIS SUMMARY OF US STRATEGY AND FORCES.

3. POLITICAL COUNSELOR EARLIER BRIEFED THAI MINISTRY OF
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 BANGKO 05225 291555Z

FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIALS MARCH 19 AND 21. CHAO SAICHEUA,

CHIEF OF AMERICA DIVISION OF THE POLITICAL
DEPARTMENT, RECEIVED NEWS WITHOUT COMMENT. VITTHAYA
VEJAJIVA, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER,
TOOK OCCASION TO RAISE ISSUE OF B-52S IN THAILAND, WHICH
HE POINTED OUT HAD GREAT PSYCHOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE IN
SOUTHEAST ASIA. HE RECALLED THAT RTG HAD ASKED LAST FALL
THAT WE REDUCE OUR B-52 STRENGTH HERE; THE IMPLICATION WAS
THAT THE THAI WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY RESPONSE TO THEIR
1973 REQUEST.
KINTNER

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TROOP DEPLOYMENT, NAVAL FORCES, GROUND FORCES, MILITARY CAPABILITIES, SCIENTIFIC VISITS, AIR FORCE, COLLECTIVE SECURITY AGREEMENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 29 MAR 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974BANGKO05225
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740070-0006
From: BANGKOK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t1974035/aaaaaeju.tel
Line Count: 71
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: STATE 048938
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09 AUG 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <09-Aug-2002 by rowelle0>; APPROVED <27 JAN 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: US STRATEGY AND FORCES IN ASIA
TAGS: MARR, MCAP, US, HEW, (FACKLAM, RICHARD R)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005